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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senior Officer Space Orientation Course

1. Attendance in class 61-2 presented at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, during the period 14-16 November 1961 was most rewarding. I recommend that the quotas for DPD be expanded from those presently scheduled to include personnel assigned to the Development Branch and NPIC because the opportunity to review our present status and future planning in space is vital if the future requirements of the CIA are to be met.

2. There is an area of misunderstanding on the reporting date that should be resolved. My order required that I sign in on Monday morning and process in Monday afternoon. This I was prepared to do. However, the school did not desire my presence until Tuesday morning at 0745 CST.

3. In connection with processing each student must complete a questionnaire giving his job title and type of work. These items later appear in the consolidated roster of students, a copy of which is distributed to everyone. In the future if those attending from this organization are prepared beforehand it can save the individual embarrassment as well as a security problem.

4. This course was very beneficial, however. The Air University began presentation of its first course entitled Aerospace Operations. This is of 22 days duration and, unlike the orientation-type course, requires student participation. Of prime interest to the flight planner, it is designed to fill the need for material on orbital mechanics as it exists today. I believe this course should be required for personnel assigned

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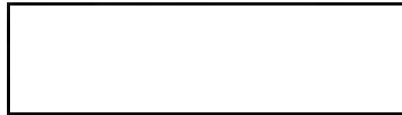
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to the CORONA Section as well as selected personnel from NPIC. May I suggest that whoever is selected to replace [] be sent to this school prior to his assignment here and that I be sent to this school as soon as I can be spared from my present duties.

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